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Applicants: MONIYAMA et al

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And Automatic Teller Machine

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RESPONSE

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November 27, 2006

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2006.

The requirement for election of one of the alleged following patentably distinct species identified by the Examiner as Species I - Fig. 9; Species II - Fig. 17; and Species - Fig. 20; is traversed, in that as recognized by the Examiner, "Currently at least claim 1 appears to be generic", and upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to additional species are considered.

As is apparent, <u>claim 1 has not been rejected</u>, and therefore, applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable, and the requirement for election of a single species should be withdrawn.
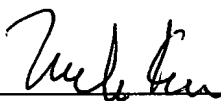
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In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species III - Fig. 20, as identified by the Examiner, and submit that claims 1 - 5 and 8 - 20 are readable thereon.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43493X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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